

## April 28, 2014 Meeting Minutes

**Attendance:** Vicki Pappas, Susan Russ, Katie Herron, Rachel Roby, John Brady, David Carter, Dr. Lisa Connolly, Pete Giordano, Nick Philbeck, and Linda Crawford.

**Minutes and Financial Report:** March minutes were accepted as printed.

Pete explained that expenditures approved by the CCA should not be delayed by the new requirement that all approved expenditures be reviewed by the Deputy Mayor. Those requests that the committee votes to fund will go to the Deputy Mayor's office; there is no need to submit the requests that are not approved by the executive committee.

There has been no financial activity in the past month and thus, balance remains at \$5,887.

**Media:** Rachel reported that her article that was to appear in the *Herald-Times* in March to coincide with Disability Awareness Month was not printed. Rachel reported that her article was published by NAMI. Susan Russ said that she was told by a H-T reporter that the Rachel's article had been printed. She emailed the reporter during the meeting to confirm and will let the CCA know at the next meeting.

**Guest Presentation:** No guest presentation. Phil Stafford will present on a new B-line Trail Initiative at the May 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Reports from the City:** There were no reports from the city.

**Continuing Concerns:** There were no continuing concerns. Katie suggested eliminating this agenda item from future agendas since most continuing concerns are addressed by the Accessibility committee. Vicki agreed.

**New Concerns:** There were no new concerns.

**Report from Chair:** Katie explained Craig's request that CCA members identify themselves correctly (City of Bloomington Council for Community Accessibility) when making panel presentations, talking with media, etc.

With regard to reviewing Jessica Troxel's request for funding, Katie commended the executive committee for responding in a timely manner. The committee felt that Jessica's request did not reflect the Council's mission whereas requests for financial assistance in endeavors such as Leadership Bloomington are community related and relevant to CCA's mission of increasing accessibility and promoting disability awareness. Dr. Connolly expressed her disappointment in the decision as Jessica wanted to receive training in order to become a business leader in our community.

The second request for funding—Lyme disease in Indiana is looking for funding to obtain insurance for their upcoming event—was not supported by the executive committee as members felt that this request did not fit with the Council's mission.

It was suggested that when the executive committee declines funding for a request that suggestions for potential funding be offered as well as other possible alternatives. If any Council member has ideas, please send them to Katie. Also, any member of the committee making a request for funds will recuse himself or herself from voting on the request.

Katie reported that Cathi Crabtree, Chairperson of the Bloomington Commission on the Status of Women, does not foresee a problem with adding the phrase "people with disabilities" to their resolution on minimum wage. Katie will check back with Cathi to ascertain the status of the resolution.

Katie intends to attend the May 13<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission on Aging. Mayor Krusan last year encouraged the CCA to work with other commissions and this appears to be an appropriate place to start.

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Katie summarized the work of the Activities and Events committee during Disability Awareness Month and Accessibility Month as the best ever! She praised the committee for providing a diverse group of people to participate in the many events. She presented certificates, signed by the mayor, to those who participated. Dr. Connolly commented that the experience at Summit Elementary School was very positive and well received by students and teachers.

Katie suggested that the CCA invite the Deputy Mayor to attend a meeting since he is new and may not know what we do. Pete offered to extend an invitation to the Deputy Mayor to attend the May 19<sup>th</sup> CCA meeting.

**Committee Reports:**

- A. Accessibility Committee: Vicki reported that Barbara McKinney has filed complaints with the Justice Department concerning the lack of compliance with accessibility laws involving the IU Optometry School, Players' Pub and Centerstone. The committee had a goal of identifying five businesses that would qualify for receiving the accessibility decal during Accessibility Month, but exceeded that goal by one: Bloomingfoods Elm Heights, Bloomingfoods Ivy Tech, Shalom Center, Chick-fil-A, Global Gifts, and Mr. Hibachi. Craig will follow up with a press release.

Vicki reports that there are seven surveyors who are not members of the committee who are available to help with surveying; Nick, Susan and Rachel are interested in surveying as well. Dr. Connolly reports that there is a minimum of eighteen companies that stripe parking lots and suggested in addition to drafting and sending a letter and diagram to those companies, training by those who do the surveying be offered.

Lotus Festival committee members have requested help from the CCA in planning for accessibility needs before their next festival.

The CCA would also be glad to provide information about menus, parking, etc. to the Bloomington Independent Restaurant Association members.

- B. Activities and Events Committee: The question was raised about the possibility of the Activities Committee working with the Accessibility Committee in planning for an ADA celebration in July. Could ADA Indiana be approached concerning funding?

**Announcements:** No announcements at this time.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.  
Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Crawford, Secretary